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ONE VOTE DEFEATS ZIONIST BILL FOR GENERAL FRAN- CHISE IN VIENNA KEHILLAH

Only Small Number of Jews Vote
Under Present Regulation
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 5. — Franchise to all members of the Jewish community irrespective of the amount of taxes paid will not be granted, according to a decision taken by the Kehillah Board at its last session.

The proposal advocating the franchise irrespective of the taxes paid was sponsored by the Zionists and the Poale Zionists. It was defeated by a vote of 16 to 15.

Under the present regulation only a few thousand Jews participate in the election of the Kehillah board in Vienna.

HARTFORD ATTORNEY MAY BE APPOINTED FEDERAL JUDGE

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Washington, D. C. Dec. 5. — Dr. George H. Cohen of Hartford, Assistant United States Attorney in Connecticut, was named as possible candidate for appointment to the newly created position of Federal Judge for the district of Connecticut, by Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, in an interview here.

Dr. Cohen, who has been Assistant United States Attorney for more than seven years is well known throughout New England and takes an active part in Zionist and other communal efforts. He holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Yale in the field of languages.

ROUMANIAN JEW SENTENCED. FOUND INNOCENT, RELEASED

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Bucharest, Dec. 5.—Justice, though belated, was accorded Solomon Israel, a Roumanian Jew who was sentenced in 1925 to serve a term of fifteen years imprisonment. The sentence was handed down on the basis of charges brought against him that he organized an armed robber band. His release was ordered by the High Court after his innocence was established.

FULL MOON ECLIPSE IN PALESTINE THURSDAY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jerusalem, Dec. 5.—A full eclipse of the moon will be observed in Palestine on Thursday, December 8.

The eclipse will last from 5:52 to 9:17.

PROTESTANT BOARD SUBMITS ITS CASE ON QUEBEC SCHOOL QUESTION TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Contends Protestant Character of
Schools Must Be Maintained
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

London, Dec. 5.—The case for the Protestants in the Jewish school question in the Province of Quebec was presented to the Privy Council by George A. Campbell, K. C.

The Protestant School Board of Montreal submits that the case involves the rights of the Protestants to control Protestant education. It is not a question whether one or more Jewish citizens may be admitted to membership on the Protestant board but rather whether the entire right of the Protestants to control their schools is to be endangered. If in the future, like in the past, the Jewish population will grow in numbers and will be entitled to elect more school commissioners, the Protestant and even the Christian character of the schools may be destroyed, he argued. When the law was enacted, the term Protestant was understood to mean Christians ad-

Rabbis Must Acquire Experience Before Assuming Commu- nity Leadership

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Berlin, Dec. 5.—A new procedure for the installation of rabbis in the Jewish communities in Germany is now being urged upon the Kehillahs by the Federation of Liberal Jews.

The Federation has formulated a demand that in addition to completing the theological course, each candidate for the rabbinate must serve several years as an assistant to an older rabbi in order to learn the practical needs of the community. The examinations at the theological seminary are insufficient. It is practice that makes for greater usefulness, the Federation urged.

It was stated that the Federation will strive to have a special ordinance promulgated, making it obligatory for the rabbi to serve a fixed number of years as assistant before he will be entitled to call himself a rabbi.

hering to the principles of the Reformation. The Jews are therefore not qualified to be Protestant school commissioners.

Lord Chancellor Cave declared that the Privy Council will not hear an unlimited number of counsels and suggested that the attorneys arrange for one leader to present the case for each side.

HUNGARIAN JEWS ARE MOST PERSECUTED MINORITY IN EUROPE, PAPER DECLARES

Asserts Hungarian Government Pro-
hibits Publication of True Reports
(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 5.—The Jewish population in Hungary is the most persecuted minority in Europe, declares the "Arbeiter Zeitung" today in an article treating of the present situation in Hungary.

The paper declares that not only do the Jews in Hungary suffer from the numerous *clausus* but also from a general economic persecution, accompanied periodically by systematic expulsions of persons who have lived in the country for decades. Simultaneously, the Hungarian government prohibits the publication of reports to this effect. It is a most deplorable condition in which the Jewish population in Hungary finds itself, the paper declares.

PHYSICIANS INSTIGATE ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Prague, Dec. 5.—Anti-Jewish agitation has been started in Czechoslovakia in connection with the forthcoming sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Czechoslovakian Medical Union. Demonstrations of an anti-Jewish character were organized. Literature was circulated in which it is propagated that foreign Jewish students should not be admitted to Czechoslovakian universities.

"These students become naturalized and displace the Czechoslovakian physicians," they declare. The literature urges the authorities to expel "the international Jews from the colleges which belong only to the Czechoslovaks."

NO 'CHEREM' ISSUED AGAINST THE ZIONISTS IN HUNGARY

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Budapest, Dec. 5.—A denial of reports that he had proclaimed a *Cherem* (excommunication) against Zionists was issued by Rabbi Koppel Reich, member of the Hungarian Senate, representing the Jewish religion.

Rabbi Reich, who is one of the outstanding leaders of the Orthodox world organization, Agudath Israel, stated that no conference was held to consider measures for "combatting the Zionist danger in Hungary," as was reported.

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**CORN SWEET CHOSEN CAPTAIN
BROWN UNIVERSITY ELEVEN**
(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Providence, Dec. 5.—Albert Cornsweet of Cleveland, was elected captain of Brown University's football team for 1928, at an election which shattered precedents here. Cornsweet, star fullback and honor student, is the first non-fraternity man since 1890 to be captain of the football team.

Cornsweet was recently elected to Sigma Xi organization that picks its members for intellectual attainments as well as sociability. He is an assistant in the biology department and is a candidate for final honors.

Cornsweet has won four varsity letters, two in football, one in wrestling and one in lacrosse. Recently he was elected to Pi Kappa, honorary society.

Aside from his honors in athletics, Cornsweet has achieved an excellent record in his studies.

Newark, Del., Dec. 5.—Max Glasser, star end of the University of Delaware football team for the past three years, has been elected captain of the 1928 eleven. Announcement of his election was made at the annual banquet given the football lettermen, managers, coaches and members of the Athletic Council by Dr. Walter Hülliben, president of the University.

Glasser, who will be a senior next year, has earned his letter all three years; he has been in college.

J. D. B. NEWS LETTER

Erection of 4 New Synagogues, at \$840,000. Attests Growth of Minneapolis Jewish Community

(By Our Minneapolis Correspondent)
Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—The Jewish cultural, educational and religious life in Minneapolis during the last year has shown an increase greater than at any similar period in the history of the city.

This advancement is attested by the construction of four synagogues at a total cost of \$840,000 and an increase in active membership of more than thirty five per cent. All three divisions of Jewry are represented in the increase, the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches.

The four new synagogues are the Temple Israel, Reform, erected at a cost of \$339,000; Beth El Temple, Conservative, erected at a cost of \$125,000; Adath Yeshurun, Conservative, which cost \$225,000 and Mikro Kodesh, Orthodox, erected at a cost of \$140,000.

Temple Israel is in the process of construction and will not be ready for occupancy until some time during the spring of 1928. The others are either completed or nearly so and are being used by their congregations.

The four new synagogues have a total seating capacity of 3,800, shown on their daily Hebrew school registers, 1,050 children ranging in age from six to sixteen years and their congregations consist of 1,000 families, or approximately 4,000 persons.

However the four congregations may differ on observances of ancient customs and forms of worship they are unanimous in their effort to provide adequate school room facilities and competent teaching staffs for their children. All of the Hebrew schools operated by the congregations are of the supplementary-educational class. None of these is run on a full time basis but ranging from two to ten hours each week, each provides instruction in historical, religious, ethical, cultural and Hebrew language courses. The classes are so arranged that the children are able to attend them with no inconvenience after they are dismissed from their public school classes. Adult classes, especially for the study

SAMUEL BLITZ TO DIRECT U.P.A. DRIVE IN NEW YORK

Samuel Blitz was elected director of the United Palestine Appeal for New York City at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Blitz will have charge of the drive of \$2,500,000 which is scheduled to open in New York on February 13.

of Hebrew; are provided and in some instances special study rooms are available.

Temple Israel, of which Rabbi Albert G. Minda, is rabbi, which was started in April 1927 and the school building which while a part, is yet distinct from the temple itself, will be open in November. This structure in addition to the main auditorium seating 1,200 persons, has twenty school rooms, each a separate and distinct unit to house the 400 pupils. The congregation, which is fifty years old, started with a dozen or more families and now numbers 325 families. The building includes a gymnasium, showers, library, rabbi's study, social service room, small auditorium seating 700, stage, kitchen and special memorial chapel.

The educational and social activities of the congregation include the woman's sisterhood, men's club, junior congregation, Boy Scout troop No. 10 and a normal school for the training of teachers.

Beth El Temple, not fully completed as yet, but occupied since April 1926, houses a congregation of 175 families and although of the conservative element has a chapel in the basement for strictly orthodox worship by the older members. Dr. David Aronson is rabbi of this temple. The main auditorium seats 750 persons, and there are six school rooms, a club room, smaller auditorium with a stage, a complete kitchen, and arrangements for the staging of dinners. The social and educational activities in addition to the daily school include adult classes in Hebrew and talmud study, junior congregation and women's classes in Jewish history, current events and literature.

Mikro Kodesh Temple, Rabbi Moses Romm, rabbi, which was formally dedicated in August, houses one of the oldest congregations in the city. The congregation numbers 300 families and in addition to the large auditorium and pastor's study houses a kitchen, dining room, lecture halls and wedding chapel.

The congregation's school is housed in a separate building and accommodates 350 pupils. The congregation is planning to erect a new school building as soon as the registration passes the 400 mark. The junior congregation numbers about 300 and is conducting a campaign to bring its membership to 700.

Adath-Yeshurun, Rabbi Jesse Schweitzer, rabbi, which was recently dedicated, was organized in 1885 and today numbers 225 families in the congregation.

The building, seats 1,000 persons in the main auditorium, has seventeen class rooms, a complete kitchen, dining hall, lecture rooms and social hall with stage equipment. The daily school

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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE TELLS OF I. O. B. B. EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES FROM 'KING OF KINGS'

Judge Golden of San Francisco Replies to Rabbi Newman's Charges; Negotiations Were in Process Since 1926; DeMille Did Not Keep Promises; Rabbi Wise, in Free Synagogue Sermon, Urges Withdrawal of Picture in European Countries

(Jewish Daily Bulletin)

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—A statement replying to the charges directed by Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Emanu El against the Anti-Defamation Committee of the Independent Order B'nai Brith, District No. 4, was issued here by Judge Isidore M. Golden, Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai Brith of the Pacific Coast.

The statement charges Rabbi Newman with a publicity seeking motive and makes public for the first time the connection of the Anti-Defamation League with the "King of Kings" production.

"In 1926," the statement declares, "the Governing Board of the Anti-Defamation League at Chicago learned that DeMille was projecting this picture. We, of course, knew nothing about it and did not know how much of the story of the crucifixion or the trial as set forth in the New Testament was to be included. This was not the first matter of this kind with which the league has dealt. In every other instance the league, by the use of diplomatic methods and moral suasion, had been successful. In practically every such instance the proposed picture was in its very earliest stages of preparation. We had no reason to believe that the methods that had proved so effective in the other instances would not prevail in this.

"The Governing Board delegated Rabbi Edgar Magnin of Los Angeles to make representations to DeMille, and, if possible, induce him not to make the picture. This Rabbi Magnin tried his best to do. DeMille, however, was adamant. He stated that he and his organization had been engaged in the necessary preparatory work for more than a year, and that the scenario had been written, that the entire picture

had been planned, that contracts had been made with a numerous cast, that heavy financial obligations had been incurred, and, all in all, that a large sum of money over one hundred thousand dollars, had been actually expended.

"Mr. DeMille further stated that nothing could induce him to forego making this picture; that this picture was to be his crowning achievement—indeed, his life's work; that he did not desire to make money out of it, and, in fact, he did not expect to make money, and that he would be well satisfied if he lost none; that his object was to present a message to the world; that he wanted this picture to be a companion and a sequel to his other production 'The Ten Commandments'; that this picture would be just as desirable, even from our point of view, as was 'The Ten Commandments,' and that his idea was to do something of a striking nature to help eradicate religious intolerance and bigotry from the land. Whatever we may have thought of these statements, nevertheless he made them, and all Rabbi Magnin's arguments to the contrary were of no avail.

"Rabbi Magnin pointed out that the mere telling of the story in simplest fashion would in and of itself make impossible of realization the alleged aims and purposes of Mr. DeMille.

"Mr. DeMille occupies an independent position among the motion picture producers, he is independently financed and required no assistance either in making the picture or in disposing of it after it was made. It must, of course, be evident that there is no process or means known to the law whereby Mr. DeMille could be prevented from making this or any other picture if he so chose to do.

"From this situation there was no alternative. The question then was—What to do? We knew then that the picture would deal with the life and death of Christ as recited in the New Testament. Although all this preparatory work had been done, not a single scene had been filmed.

"Since DeMille was determined to make the picture, Rabbi Magnin, as a measure of self-defense, requested his consent to our friendly suggestions in the making and taking of the scenes, to the end that the picture would, at any rate, be authentic, and that no matter would be incorporated that would needlessly create race or religious prejudices. Some may say we should have held aloof and let him go

his way and make the picture as he personally saw fit. This was not, however, our view, and we felt then and feel now that, had we abstained then from doing what we could to eliminate all objectionable features within our power, we could justly have been charged with having been derelict.

"Rabbi Edgar Magnin and others labored for months. Of course, the mere story itself is, from our viewpoint, objectionable, and its simple telling necessarily and of its own force creates mischief. We cannot prevent, for instance, the daily presentation of the 'Passion Play,' either in Europe or in Los Angeles. We cannot prevent the teaching of the New Testament story in the countless Christian Sunday Schools and pulpits, nor are we in a position to attack the verity thereof as the same is recited in the New Testament. Nevertheless, had it not been for the months of unselfish labor and effort given by Rabbi Magnin and others to this work, the picture would have been inconceivably more terrible than it is today. Without going into details, many scenes have upon our protests been cut out, many others modified or revised, many others reconstructed, and a large number prevented. With respect to some of the objectionable scenes that still remain intact, we were given assurances that they, too, would be eliminated before the picture was finally released for public exhibition.

"In February, 1927, and after we learned that the picture was about ready for assembly, the Anti-Defamation League requested the privilege of a private preview in its entirety. It took two months to secure Mr. DeMille's consent, and it was not until April, 1927, that the private preview was finally given.

"The picture was not completely titled; that is to say, a large number of the sub-titles that accompany the various scenes and which give them interpretation and make them intelligible, were altogether omitted. The representatives of the League at that time protested that Mr. DeMille was not there, that subtitles were omitted, and that, in spite of his assurances to us to the contrary, the picture still had many objectionable features. His assistants then and there promised Rabbi Magnin and the other representatives of the League that our protests would be given due consideration and that they would no doubt be satisfied.

"Mr. DeMille, however, has not kept faith. For this, of course, we are in nowise responsible," the statement declares.

"Later on Mr. DeMille agreed to satisfy our protests by striking out from the picture the features to which we raised objection in connection with its European showing, but refused so to do insofar as its American showing

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AUSTRIAN ZIONISTS ELECT EXECUTIVE, PEACE RETURNS

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Vienna, Dec. 5.—Peace was restored in the ranks of the Zionist Federation in Austria at the convention which was concluded yesterday. A new executive was elected with Mr. Goldhammer as chairman.

A session of the Austrian Zionist Federation ended in chaos last month without the election of an executive, due to the controversy between Radical Zionists and the followers of the Weizmann policy. It was decided to postpone the election of the Executive until the beginning of this month.

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE OF I.O.B.B. ISSUES STATEMENT ON DE MILLE'S 'KING OF KINGS'

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was concerned, upon the ground that he would thereby entirely destroy its dramatic effect.

It was then that the Anti-Defamation League, having for the first time come to the conclusion that it was useless further to deal with Mr. DeMille, took the matter up with Mr. Will Hays, who is the president of the Motion Picture Production Association in the East. Mr. DeMille, however, being a wholly independent producer and financing himself, is not in anyway subject either to the jurisdiction or directions of Mr. Hays or his Association.

"As a result of the efforts of the National Anti-Defamation League, it has been agreed that two Jewish scholars to be selected by the B'nai Brith shall study the picture and report upon the reconstruction of its story. Whether Mr. DeMille will keep faith and abide by this agreement, we cannot say."

"I solemnly remind the owners of the 'King of Kings' that the blood of the fellow-Jews of Jesus will be upon their heads, if they persist, as I believe they cannot persist, in exhibiting this picture in European lands," declared Dr. Stephen S. Wise in his sermon at the Free Synagogue, Carnegie Hall, Sunday morning.

Criticizing the production as vulgar and as "calculated to do irreparable hurt to the Jewish people first, and, after that, to those better relationships which are growing between Jew and Christian." Dr. Wise pointed out the menace which the picture would bring to millions of Jews if the film should be exhibited in Central and East European lands, and called upon the producers and owners to withdraw the picture from those lands in which, as a result of the presentation of the picture, Jews are almost sure to be the victims of excesses at the hands of those infuriated by some of the hate-evoking elements of the picture, including most especially, the sneering and jering of Jews at Jesus in the moments of crucifixion.

"The 'King of Kings' is infinitely more damaging than the long-continued Ford libels, because, crude and false as these were, they could poison only the minds of the literate, but the 'King of Kings' is hurtful to the literate and the illiterate alike, most hurtful because of its provocative and embittering character, with respect to illiterate or nearly illiterate folk."

Dr. Wise expressed hope that the plans which have been inaugurated, looking to the cooperation of a committee of the B'nai Brith with the motion-picture pro-

N. Y. STATE CONFERENCE URGES PROMPT PAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN PLEDGES (Jewish Daily Bulletin)

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 5—Twenty-five thousand dollars, representing collections in New York State for the United Jewish Campaign, was handed by Bernard B. Given, State Chairman, to David A. Brown at the New York State United Jewish Campaign conference here yesterday. The sum represented payment on pledges.

Mr. Brown warned the campaign workers from every part of the state that unless funds pledged in the drive are made available without delay the program of the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe will be jeopardized.

YOUNG JUDEAE FUND RAISED; ANNUAL DINNER NETS \$21,000

A fund to continue the work of the Young Judaea, Zionist youth organization, was raised at the organization's annual dinner Sunday night at the Biltmore Hotel. Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president, and Dr. Nathan Krass were the speakers. Borough President Julius Miller presided.

Twenty-one thousand dollars were subscribed, including contributions of \$5,000 from Irving Rosenzweig, \$2,500 from Col. Herbert H. Lehman, \$2,000 from Nathan Straus and \$2,000 from Irvin R. Chanin.

A campaign to raise \$200,000 for the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Perth Amboy, N. J. was launched yesterday. Isaac Alperin is honorary chairman and Max Gibian chairman of the campaign which seeks the sum to aid the local Jewish Community Center to pay off a deficit of \$15,000, to cover the mortgage indebtedness of \$65,000 and to provide a maintenance fund which will carry the Association over a period of five years.

"Can Jew and Non-Jew Meet?" was the subject of the address delivered by Rabbi Samuel M. Gump of Temple Beth-EL, Providence, R.I., before the World Unity Conference held in Worcester, Mass.

ducers and exhibitors, might be effectuated,—instead of casual and inconsequent consultation with one or two Jews. "The evil of this picture could have been averted, if there had been real consultation with Jewish leaders qualified to give wise counsel even as distinguished representatives of a great Christian communion were consulted throughout the preparation of the picture.

"Let there be arrangements without the possibility of curtailment of freedom, looking to the right kind of consultation with respect to any picture that deals with fundamental problems in the life of any religious or racial group in American life."

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has a registration of one hundred pupils and the high school about half a hundred. A special study room has been provided for those interested in ancient Jewish subjects, and a class room for adults studying Hebrew and history.

Injunction proceedings have been instituted against the Saturday Press, a weekly newspaper here, under the 1925 legislature's nuisance abatement act. The county attorney intimated that criminal charges may be brought against those connected with The Saturday Press which was characterized in a temporary restraining order signed by Judge Mathias Baldwin as a "malicious, scandalous and defamatory newspaper." The Saturday Press is accused among other things of "malicious, scandalous and defamatory" remarks against the Jewish race.

Dr. Victor E. Levine of Omaha, professor in the school of medicine at Omaha university, who attended the convention of the Children's Hospital Association in session here this week, announced that he has been tentatively selected by Commander Richard E. Byrd to accompany the commander's expedition next year in an attempt to fly over the South Pole.

Dr. Levine is an authority on Eskimo languages and customs and next August will go with the South Pole expedition in the capacity of scientist and dietician.

Dr. Levine in 1926 spent the year in the arctic region living among the Eskimos studying their language, customs and habits of diet. He reported this program for six months in 1921.

The new temple erected in Waukegan, Ill., at a cost of \$150,000 was opened last Friday night. Rabbi C. Rubenstein conducted the opening services.

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